

Cape Fear Civil War Round Table

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NEWSLETTER

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THIS ASTOUNDING CLOSE: THE BENNETT PLACE NEGOTIATIONS

Thursday, January 11
St. Andrew's On-The-Sound Episcopal Church
Social Hour 7:00 pm... Program 7:30 pm

Mark Bradley is an old friend of the Cape Fear Civil War Round Table. He led our third program (December, 1994) which featured the Battle of Bentonville and a battlefield tour (March, 1995) which included sites at Averasboro and Bentonville. We're fortunate that Mark, a highly considered and widely read Civil War historian, will return to our RT this month.

This Astounding Close: The Road to Bennett Place (September, 2000), published by UNC Press, is Mark's second major work. It follows his *Last Stand in the Carolinas: The Battle of Bentonville* (1996) and a number of articles for *Blue and Gray Magazine* and *Civil War Regiments*. Mark's program will cover the time period from the end of the Battle of Bentonville to the surrender of Joseph Johnston's CSA Army of Tennessee and focus on the negotiations between Johnston and William T. Sherman.

Mark Bradley graduated from N.C. State University with a B.A. in History and is currently in the Ph.D. program in History at UNC-Chapel Hill. Mark and his wife, Nancy, live in Raleigh where he has just finished a term as President of the North Carolina Civil War Round Table. Copies of *This Astounding Close: The Road to Bennett Place* will be available for sale (\$35) and signing.

BATTLE REPORT December Meeting

RT members and guests enjoyed a rousing and memorable presentation on the Vicksburg Campaign by Edwin C. Bearss. We look forward to having Ed with us again in March for The Wilmington Campaign Tour (see below). Our raffle winners (donors in parentheses) were Richard Bellows (*Cloudsplitter*, by Mary and Palmer Royal), James MacLaren (*Road to Shiloh*, by Bob Cooke), John Krohn (*The Hunley*, by Mike Budziszewski), Parks Downing (*Amazing Civil War*, by Bob Cooke), and Mary Royal (an original painting on glass, by Janine Van Der Molen). George Slaton wants to express his deep appreciation to the membership and the steering committee for the five-volume *Encyclopedia of the American Civil War* which now occupies a prominent place in his CW library.

THE WILMINGTON CAMPAIGN SPRING TOUR ! Sign Up Now! New Registration Deadline Is February 12

Register immediately for the conference and tour, March 2-4, and reserve your seat on the tour bus with Ed Bearss! New registration deadline is Monday, February 12. Registration will be opened up to the general public the day after the January 11 RT program. See details on the reverse of this newsletter.

Headquarters Location:

THE HAMPTON INN and SUITES

Landfall Park, 1989 Eastwood Road, Wilmington, NC 28403, 910-256-9600

All participants to make their own reservations directly with the Hotel, at rates of \$74 plus taxes for a single or double, \$99 plus taxes for a standard suite

Schedule:

Friday night, March 2, dinner at The Oceanic Restaurant, 703 South Lumina, Wrightsville Beach, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. with a cash bar available.

Saturday morning the bus will leave the Hotel at 8:00 sharp, with Ed Bearss providing the commentary, and stops at Ft. Fisher, Ft. Johnston, Ft. Anderson, and Forks Road.

Saturday night, March 3rd, there will be a reception in the Turnberry room at the hotel with heavy hors d'oeuvres, and a cash bar available.

Sunday morning, March 4, C.F.C.W.R.T. member Wayne Carver will lead a tour of Oakdale Cemetery. You will see the final resting place for Major General WHC Whiting, General William MacRae, Colonel John D. Barry, Major James Riley, Rose Greenhow, and others. We will meet Wayne at the gate to the cemetery at 9:00 a.m. for the walking tour.

Stipulations:

The first 48 people to sign up and pay will be guaranteed seats on the bus with Ed Bearss. If more than 48 sign up, then alternate transportation will be provided to each stop.

Cost:

The reservation price of \$125 person includes the Friday night meal, the Saturday tour including bus and box lunch, the Saturday night reception and the Oakdale tour on Sunday.

All room reservations are to be made directly with the Hotel. Please mention that it is the CRCWRT Tour for special prices quoted.

Single tickets can be purchased for the Friday night dinner and Saturday night reception, both with Ed Bearss, for \$40 each.

Registration:

Fill out the following and mail with your check to Mr. Dan Geddie, Treasurer, Cape Fear Civil War Roundtable, P.O. Box 10535, Wilmington, NC 28404, prior to February 15th, 2001.



For additional information, contact Tommy King at 910-763-7318 at work and 910-762-2930 at home, or email HTKing3@aol.com.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

- Check One: Full Tour x \$125/person = _____
- Friday Meal x \$40/person = _____
- Saturday Reception x \$40/person = _____

TOTAL ATTACHED _____

